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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, JA
SUBJECT: TRADE TALKS WITH JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 18068

1. SUMMARY: IN MEETING WITH MOTONO AT MOFA EMBASSY RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR MORE SPECIFIC U.S. REACTION ON STANDARD METHOD OF SETTLEMENT (SMS) AND ON AGRICULTURAL QUOTAS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON QRS MOTONO SAID TOTAL ELIMINATION OF QUOTAS WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT. FOR EXAMPLE, JAPAN COULD LIBERALIZE TOMATO SAUCE AND KETCHUP, BUT NOT TONDATSU SAUCE, SO THAT QUOTA (BTN 21.04) COULD BE EASED BUT NOT ELIMINATED. HE ASKED FOR OUR ATTITUDE REGARDING CONTINUATION OF SUCH QUOTAS.

3. ON SMS HE SAID MITI WAS UNWILLING TO LOOSEN UP MORE ON IMPORTS BECAUSE THEY NEEDED TO GIVE PARALLEL TREATMENT TO EXPORTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF SMALL EXPORTERS WHO DID NOT HAVE AS MUCH ACCESS TO

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FINANCING AS LARGER FIRMS AND THEY QUESTIONED NEED FOR DOING MORE THAN EXTEND SMS PERIOD TO MORE THAN SIX MONTHS. WE SAID WE THOUGHT OUR CONCERN WAS SMS AS APPLIED TO IMPORTS AND THAT WE HOPED FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OF JAPANESE NOV. 21 PROPOSAL AND WOULD TRY TO CONFIRM THAT VIEW.

4. RE JAPAN EX-IM BANK FIANCING MOTONO SAID AN
EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO EXPAND CATEGORIES OF IMPORTS
ON ELIGIBLE LIST. WE SAID IMPORTS OF MANUFACTURED
PRODUCTS WERE MOST IMPORTANT AND WOULD TRY TO PRO-
VIDE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT ITEMS WE WOULD PARTICU-
LARLY LIKE TO SEE BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR EXIM FINANCING.

5. PLEASE ADVISE EXPEDITOUSLY SO WE CAN MAKE
INPUT BEFORE WEEK-END WHEN MUCH WORK WILL BE DONE
ON GOJ PACKAGE THAT IS NOW HEADED FOR CABINET ACTION DEC. 6.
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